The CSA GEN Schoomaker has approved CS and CSS soldier attendance in Ranger School within the combat arms exclusion policy. All CS/CSS personnel requesting to go to Ranger School need to contact their schools NCO and go through Human Resources Command, who manages Ranger School slots. Successful completion of a Pre-Ranger program is essential for CS/CSS success in Ranger School. CS and CSS soldiers should reference the following DA message for attendance standards.

R 091738Z FEB 05 PSN 667894K40 FM DA WASHINGTON DC//DAMO-TRC// TO ALARACT ZEN/ALARACT @ AL ALARACT(UC) BT UNCLAS ALARACT 028/2005 SUBJECT: SELECTION AND SCHEDULING OF SOLDIERS FOR UNITED STATES ARMY RANGER SCHOOL

A. REFERENCE AR 350-1, ARMY TRAINING AND EDUCATION, DATED 9 APRIL 2003.

- 1. THE CONTEMPORARY OPERATING ENVIRONMENT DICTATES A CHANGE TO ARMY POLICY ON ATTENDANCE AT THE RANGER SCHOOL. COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT (CS/CSS) SOLDIERS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE ASSIGNED AGAINST RANGER AUTHORIZATIONS IN ORDER TO ATTEND RANGER TRAINING. ATTENDANCE TO RANGER TRAINING REMAINS LIMITED TO SOLDIERS FOR WHOM THE DOD DIRECT COMBAT RULE POLICY APPLIES AS OUTLINED BY AR 600-13 AND AR 680-29. AN INCREASE OF CS/CSS RANGER QUALIFIED SOLDIERS ASSIGNED THROUGHOUT THE ARMY IS THE INTENDED GOAL OF THIS POLICY CHANGE.
- 2. IN SUPPORT OF THIS ACTION, THE FOLLOWING IS DIRECTED:
- A. OFFICERS MAY REQUEST VOLUNTARY RANGER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY SUBMISSION OF A DA FORM 4187 THROUGH

THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND TO HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC) (AHRC-OPL-L), 200 STOVAL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332, ATTN: MR. RIVERA [FAX: (703) 325-4590] FOR CONSIDERATION. ENLISTED SOLDIERS MAY REQUEST VOLUNTARY RANGER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY SUBMISSION OF A DA FORM 4187 THROUGH THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND TO THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY WHICH IS HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (AHRC-EPT-T), 2461 EISENHOWER AVE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332, ATTN: MR. BAILEY [FAX: (703) 325-4590] FOR CONSIDERATION. APPLICATIONS MAY BE FAXED, MAILED, OR ENTERED THROUGH ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS RESOURCE (ATRRS).

- B. ALL DA FORM 4187 MUST INCLUDE THE ORGANIZATION 1SG AKO ADDRESS. APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR SOLDIERS THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR RANGER TRAINING IS HRC AND MAY NOT BE FURTHER DELEGATED.
- C. SOLDIERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT AIRBORNE PHYSICAL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ATTENDANCE AND MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO RANGER SCHOOL WITH THE SUBMISSION OF DA FORM 4187. VOLUNTARY REQUESTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MUST BE FAVORABLY ENDORSED THROUGH THE SOLDIER'S CHAIN OF COMMAND. THE SCOPE OF RANGER TRAINING INCLUDES TASKS THAT NORMALLY ARE NOT FULLY REINFORCED IN CS/CSS SCHOOL PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION. SOLDIERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A PRE-RANGER COURSE (OR EQUIVALENT) HAVE A GREATER CHANCE FOR SUCCESS AND WILL THEREFORE RECEIVE MORE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY HRC. THE ARNG PRE-RANGER COURSE AT FORT BENNING CAN BE SCHEDULED THROUGH ATRRS USING SCHOOL CODE 964A. POC IS MSG SITER AT SITERT@BENNING.ARMY.MIL, (706) 544-7500 OR DSN 784-7500.
- 3. FUNDING TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT AND IS CHARGEABLE TO UNITS OPTEMPO INDIRECT, TDY TO SCHOOL ACCOUNT. TRAVEL ORDERS WILL DIRECT GOVERNMENT HOUSING (BARRACKS) AND DIRECT GOVERNMENT MEALS,

SEVEN DAYS, PER WEEK. TRAVEL ORDERS MUST BE PREPARED PER HQDA GUIDANCE AT http://www.hqda-odcsops. ARMY.PENTAGON.MIL/MTSS.

- 4. POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS CSM LIONEL PARKER AT LIONEL.PARKER@HQDA.ARMY.MIL, (703) 614-9812, DSN 224-9812 OR COL JOE T. BACK, JR AT JOE.BACK@HQDA.ARMY.MIL, (703) 614-9853, DSN 224-9853.
- 5. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 9 FEBRUARY 2007. BT #3879 NNNN

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Caveats: NONE